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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO DRC: DECEMBER VOTE ON "DEFAMATION OF
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(SBU) Polcouns and poloff delivered reftel points on December 3 to Banza Ngoy Katumwe, thanking the GDRC for having switched its vote in a positive manner in the Third Committee and urging the GDRC to vote no or, at the least, to abstain in the UNGA plenary session during the week of December 7-12. Ngoy said that the GDRC was considering voting no in the plenary session. The DRC, Ngoy stressed, was fundamentally a lay state, which respected freedom of expression (Comment: Although Ngoy intimated that the GDRC might vote no, an abstention is more likely. End comment).
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